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In re Application of:

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Title: HYDROPHILIC, THIOL-REACTIVE CYANINE DYES AND CONJUGATES
THEREOF WITH BIOMOLECULES FOR FLUORESCENCE DIAGNOSIS

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 28, 2006, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on November 28, 2007, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.